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Sumpter supervisor, trustees admonish board member

Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman, township attorney Rob Young and Trustee Matt Oddy had strong words of criticism during the June 28 meeting in response to the actions of Trustee Peggy Morgan following the June 23 meeting. (See related story, page 4.)

Morgan admitted that she had angrily confronted Bowman following the June 23 meeting, an encounter Bowman described as a "verbal assault" and said he "didn't appreciate."

"I don't care if you appreciate it or not, you weren't the only one. I also got Rob Young outside and I got Tim Rush outside," Morgan responded. She said her anger was prompted by Oddy's failure to disclose the names of developers who attended a meeting in township hall with the trustees and attorney. That meeting was abruptly halted, according to those who attended, when the meeting topics appeared to be inappropriate without the attendance of the full board. Oddy and Rush both stated categorically that they halted the meeting and informed the developers that any such presentation or plans must be presented to the full board. Young agreed and said he told the developers the attempt to offer blandishments to a few board members was unacceptable. Young also referred to the meeting as "a disappointment."

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Morgan said Oddy's deliberate failure to name township resident Nelson Po as a party to the development prompted her angry outbursts the previous week. She reportedly claimed during the loud encounter that the board members and Bowman were only "doing this" because Po was involved.

Oddy responded that he did not understand what could have prompted Morgan's "yelling and screaming" following the June 23 meeting. He said that Po did not attend the meeting and that members of the board had been repeatedly informed that Po was not involved in the project other than as the owner of the land the developers were purchasing. "Whoever told you Po was at the meeting is an absolute liar," Oddy said.

Morgan responded that she was angry because Oddy "made sure" the name of the developer was not mentioned in his report of the meeting and that when she asked for the phone number of the developers, "you never said who you were talking about."

Oddy said he deliberately withheld the name of the developers in an attempt to avoid even the appearance of

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Green space
Annual Northville Garden Walk set

Ken Thelen has only two jobs in his wife, Nancy's extensive garden: lifting items too heavy for her and accepting compliments from strangers.

The garden at the Thelen home on Springfield Court in Northville will be one of six featured this year as part of the 28th Annual Garden Walk sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, a branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association.

The garden, Nancy Thelen, explained has been expanding and in progress for all of the 30 years the couple has lived in the home. Now retired from her career as a special education teacher and counselor and a part-time teaching position at Oakland Community College, she has more time to devote to her hobby.

"I've been gardening for 60 years," she explained. "I started as a child with my grandparents in Livonia who had an acre of land. They had all kinds of plants and fruit trees and raspberries," she said. "They had all the kids gardening from an early age." Her grandfather, she recalled, would graft different species of apples onto trees. "I learned a lot from my grandparents," she said.

She is now attempting to instill that same love in her own four grandchildren, but the youngest who is only 4 isn't too interested, yet, except for the cherry tomatoes in the vegetable section of the garden. "They love to pick and eat those," she said.

Thelen said she tries to garden as organically as possible and her wide arrangement of established perennials doesn't take as much work as people might think. She said her real secret was starting with meticulously prepared soil.

"We did a really thorough soil preparation before we started with tons of leaf mulch we got from the city," she said. She has continued to use ground leaves as mulch in her vegetable garden, too, she said. Her perennials, which aren't "too fussy" are planted along with her vegetables on the large lot.

Ken and Nancy Thelen's extensive perennial garden will be one of the six homes featured on the upcoming 28th Annual Garden Walk sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, a branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association.

Thelen said she is the "queen" of finding perennials on sale that are "unloved." She said she takes them home and they flourish in her yard, only occasionally threatened by the bunnies and deer that also appreciate her gardening skill. Her garden expands a little each year, she said, and there is very little grass left in the rear section of the property.

"People stop by and comment that the garden is 'so much work,'" she said, "but to me it's not work, it is something to enjoy. I often think of a quote I heard somewhere, 'I would garden even if it was the sign of a diseased mind and a corrupt soul.'"

While her four adult children have not developed her passion for gardening, they do call on her expertise and she said she has done some landscaping for them at their homes. "I've shared some plants, things that suit their needs," she said.

As for her husband, his main role, Thelen said with a smile, is as her "minion," carrying heavy items and lifting things. He does, however, readily accept the compliments from people who come by the exceptional display and comment

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Suspect facing first degree murder charges in shooting death

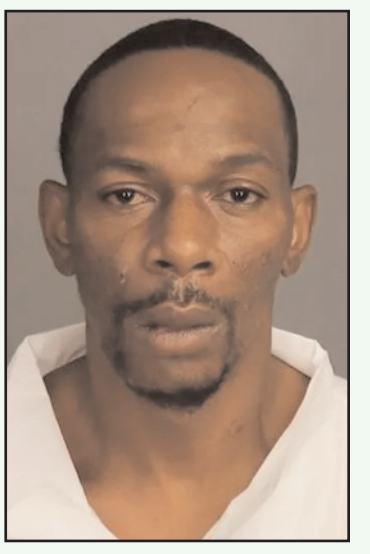
A Westland man is facing first-degree murder charges in the shooting death of his former girlfriend last week.

Wayne County prosecutors allege that Cary Anthony Taylor, 41, fatally shot Tabitha Cornwell, also of Westland, twice in the head as she sat in her vehicle at about 12:06, June 29.

According to Westland police, officers were dispatched to a residence in the 35270 block of Glenwood following a report of a shooting. Upon arrival at the scene, officers discovered the victim inside her parked Jeep Grand Cherokee, unresponsive with two gunshot wounds to the left side of her head. Police suspect she may have been attempting to get away from the suspect following an argument. Medics arrived on scene and pronounced Cornwall deceased.

Prosecutors allege that a verbal argument between the defendant and the victim escalated, and that the suspect produced and fired a handgun at least twice into Cornwall's vehicle, fatally wounding her. The suspect then immediately fled the scene, according to police reports, but officers determined that he had barricaded himself in a neighboring trailer. Westland officers, with the assistance of the Western Wayne County SWAT team, were able to secure the trailer and convince the suspect to voluntarily exit. Taylor was arrested within 8 hours the day of the incident, officers said.

Taylor has been charged with one count of premeditated first-degree murder, and one count of felony firearm. He was arraigned and remanded to jail without bail. His preliminary court examination is scheduled at the 18th District Court July 14 before Judge Sandra Cicirelli.



Cary Anthony Taylor

Inkster - Northville

Legislator sentenced to 30-days for probation violation

State Rep. Jewell Jones was back in court last Thursday to answer charges of probation violations.

Jones was serving a 2-year probation sentence after pleading guilty to two felonies and a list of misdemeanors earlier this year in connection with an arrest for drunk driving April 6, 2021. That arrest escalated at the scene when Jones refused to provide identification and physically resisted and assaulted first responders attempting to provide medical help to his female passenger, according to police reports. His blood alcohol level was reported by police at more than twice the legal limit for intoxication.

He entered a guilty plea to charges including operating while intoxicated, reckless driving, resisting arrest, and being in possession of a firearm while intoxicated after initially declining a plea deal. The deal included prosecutors dropping the DUI charges.

> *In the event you leave there, you march yourself right over to the Livingston County Jail.*

In exchange for the plea, resisting arrest and DUI charges were dropped. Additionally, the deal allows the reduction of his felony charges to dismissals if he completes a youth sentencing program After three separate bond violations before his trial on the original charges, he was sentenced to jail where deputies found a handcuff key taped to the bottom of his foot during intake procedures. He was facing separate criminal charges in connection with that incident.

Last week he again entered a guilty plea to the probation violation at his hearing before Livingston County Circuit Court Chief Judge Michael Hatty. Jones was sentenced to another 30 days in jail which will be dismissed in exchange for Jones completing a 30-day substance abuse treatment program.

Jones' attorney, former Inkster mayor Byron Nolen, said the situation evolved as a result of the death of Jones' grandmother which prompted him to drink alcohol June 1. Jones then subsequently failed an alcohol screening the next day, Nolen said. Jones is presently enrolled in a separate substance abuse program and will transfer to the newly imposed program when that one is completed this week.

Jones, 25, at the time of his arrest, was eligible for the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act which allows young offenders to avoid a permanent criminal record if they successfully complete a probationary period. Nolen said Jones would be able to retain the youthful offender status if he successfully completed the substance abuse programs and subsequently have the felony convictions expunged.

Jones was facing the possibility of up to two years in prison for the recent probation violation, but Hatty said he felt Jones was on the right track.

"You're making things harder than what they need to be," Hatty told Jones. "All you had to do was do what you're supposed to do in the beginning, follow the rules, and you wouldn't be here today."

Hatty sentenced Jones to 30 days in jail, but allowed that time to be served at ShareHouse, a substance abuse treatment program. He was also ordered to write an essay about his experiences at ShareHouse and write letters of apology to the two Michigan State Troopers who were on the scene during his original arrest.

"In the event you leave there (ShareHouse), you march yourself right over to the Livingston County Jail," Hatty said.

Jewell Jones

White 'Lightning'

Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull delighted crowds Monday during the 4th of July Parade when he appeared with his family in one of the rare Ford F-150 Lightning electric trucks. The truck was a huge hit with crowds who lined the streets of Northville for the annual patriotic display celebrating America. Photo by David Willett

Gardens

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on the beauty of his wife's work. Thelen explained that the back of their garden is visible from Taft Road and strangers often come by and admire the plantings and arrangement.

"People always address all the compliments to him," Nancy Thelen said. "I just don't understand it. I am right there and they only tell him what a lovely garden it is."

Garden Walk organizers suspect that the compliments will be addressed to Thelen when visitors see her garden during the event scheduled for 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13. Tickets are available at Gardenviews on Main Street in Northville and through Eventbrite. Admission is $12 for advance sale tickets. Day of the event tickets are priced at $15 and will be available at the new staging area in the Green Space at the corner of Wing and Cady streets behind the Northville library. Proceeds from the event support local and national horticultural organizations, civic beautification and scholarships for Northville High School students.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
AUGUST 2, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Public Accuracy Test for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election is scheduled for **Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 4:30 pm** in the lobby of Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the Election count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Roger Lundberg
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 28, 2022 for the following:

PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT OF FOOD & BEVERAGE
SERVICE FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER BAR & GRILL

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 23, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe, Eva Webb

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency Services; Merrie Druyor - TIFA/DDA Director; Gary Harris - Purchasing Director; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #22-131** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - B. **Res. #22-132** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Redevelopment Ready Community Boards & Commissions Component Orientation & Training Strategy. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
   Res. #22-133 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adopt a resolution in recognition of years of service for Randolph Gear. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - A. **Moved** by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #22-134** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 21/22-17 to the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder, Maurer's Textiles for three-year contractual services for uniform rental and laundry services for the City of Romulus Department of Public Works. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - B. **Res. #22-135** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 21/22-18 to each bidding company at the prices submitted on the Tabulation sheet for two-year fixed pricing for concrete for the City of Romulus Department of Public Works. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - C. **Res. #22-136** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and award RFP 21/22-01 to Benesch Engineering to conduct leak detection citywide in order to pinpoint undetected water leaks in the amount of $116,192.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - D. **Res. #22-137** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 21/22-13 to recognize Fire Grant Donations and corresponding expenses related to the Grant revenue.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
FIRE				
Revenue				
205-336-675.000	Donations	$-	$14,439.00	$14,439.00
205-336-675.003	Dntns/Grant Local	$-	$15,000.00	$15,000.00
205-336-675.003	Dntns/Grant Local	$-	$4,654.00	$4,654.00
Expense				
205-336-970.000	Capital Outlay	$40,000.00	$29,439.00	$69,439.00
205-336-730.00	Operating Supplies	$20,213.00	$4,654.00	$24,867.00

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- E. FYI - Great Lakes Water Authority - No action from Council.

6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #22-138** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - B. **Res. #22-139** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, June 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. for a presentation on the Brownfield Plan Proposal from Ashley Capital. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - C. **Res. #22-140** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Public Hearing Request for Monday, June 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for the Brownfield Plan Proposal. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer** - No items under the Treasurer's Report
8. **Public Comment** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #22-141** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 22-10 for checks presented in the amount of $1,324,029.06. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. **Communication** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes.
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 23, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

42nd Art In The Park begins tomorrow in Plymouth

Art In The Park will return to downtown Plymouth for the 42nd year beginning tomorrow, July 8 and continuing Saturday and Sunday.

Organizers said the art show and sale will include 400 artists from 28 states.

In addition to the display of art, the event will feature live entertainment, live art demonstrations and food along with the traditional hands-on children's mural. Visitors during the weekend will be able to watch as a group of chalk artists create a masterpiece with a Star Wars theme, while a different group will be painting live models into a canvas of Jedi art.

Art In The Park began with a small group of 30 artists sharing their passion for art in Kellogg Park in 1980. It is now the single largest art festival in the state, organizers claim.

Entertainment this year will include the Hoaloha Polynesian Dance Group of Michigan. Performances by Kylee Johnson, also known as "Comet Dancer," a professional hula hoop dancer, are planned along with the familiar human statue and magician George Tait.

Comedy juggler John Park will amuse crowds and children from the audience can become part of the performance during My Adventure Theater shows.

Back by popular demand reggae band Roots Vibrations will perform all three days of the art show and Mr. Bill & His Zcats will take to the streets on Friday night in true New Orleans style. Live vibraphone by John Davis will also be on hand to entertain.

This year, Faygo and Pure Leaf Teas will be distributing free samples of new flavors, organizers promised.

Hours this year are 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. tomorrow, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 9 and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 10.

This year, round trip motorcoach shuttle service will be available from Schoolcraft College in Livonia for a $6 fee. Children younger than 6 ride at no cost.

For schedules and updates on all things Art In The Park, visit: www.artinthepark.com or call (734) 454-1314.

Graduation day

Participants in the 2022 Canton Township Police and Fire Youth Academy celebrated their graduation last week. The program taught participants about the daily operations of both the police and fire departments in an effort to give them a better understanding of the role that local police officers and firefighters have within the community. Students learned about several special units within each department as well the dangers of driving under the influence, how to use a fire extinguisher, CPR certification, K9 demonstration, team building activities and various other topics throughout the week.

Voluntary water use restrictions implemented in city

City of Plymouth officials have implemented voluntary water use restrictions in an effort, they said, to help control future water rate increases and reduce potential instances of lower water pressure.

Residents are asked to voluntarily limit water use between the hours of 5 and 10 a.m. and from 5 until 10 p.m. when the demand on the water system is highest. Residents should set sprinkler systems to avoid these time periods. Officials also suggest using dishwashers or washing machines outside these peak times.

Officials said in a statement mailed to residents, "Following this voluntary restriction is a good way to keep future water rates down. By adhering to this suggestion, the City of Plymouth can level out these high water demand factors resulting in more stable long-term water rates set by the Great Lakes Water Authority."

More information or questions regarding the requested water use restriction is available by phone at the City of Plymouth Department of Municipal Services, (734) 453-7737.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 6, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Pro-Tem Virginia Williams
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: John Barden, Eva Webb
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Derran Shelby - Deputy Chief of Police; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Carol Maise - City Planner; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency Services; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #22-142** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams Abstain - Celeste Roscoe **Motion Carried**
   - B. **Res. #22-143** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Brownfield Plan Proposal. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. **Petitioner**
   - A. **Res. #22-144** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve a Prayer Walk event by Presence Church for June 11, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - B. Petitioner: Emily Lewkowicz Presentation: A Learning Experience
   - C. **Res. #22-145** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Preliminary Condominium Plan for SPR-2022-003 for Romulus Trade Center for NorthPoint Development. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth Nays - Kathy Abdo, Virginia Williams **Motion Carried**
4. **Chairperson's Report, Virginia Williams, Chairwoman Pro-Tem**
   Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution congratulating the valedictorian, salutatorian, and student council officers of the class of 2022 for Romulus High School. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #22-147** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the 2022 Animal Welfare Fund Grant partial awarded funds in the amount of $6,468.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - B. **Res. #22-148** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and authorize the sole source purchase of the Bryx Station Fire Station Alerting Platform in the amount of $64,335.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - C. **Res. #22-149** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and adopt a resolution amending Section 39 (P.A. 359 Millage to 0.04258) of the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy authorization for the City of Romulus and 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as submitted by Mayor McCraight. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #22-150** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 21/22-13 in the total amount of $34,093.67 to recognize Fire Grant Donations and corresponding expenses related to the Grant revenue. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - B. **Res. #22-151** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the 2022 Honorary Street Sign Dedication Applications for Ida Watson, Serlena White, and Alan Webb. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
8. **Public Comment** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Communication** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
12. **Adjournment**
    Moved by None, seconded by None to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 6, 2022.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 13, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Eva Webb
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #22-152** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #22-153** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive Session held on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss an attorney's opinion and the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth Abstain - Barden, Williams **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Res. #22-154 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the honorary street sign dedication application for Betty Jean Scott. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - A. Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #22-155** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for an Informational meeting for Relay for Life on Wednesday, June 22. 2022, in the Mary Ann Banks pavilion. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #22-156** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Historical Park Pavilion from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday June 19th, Sunday June 26th, Sunday July 3rd, Sunday July 17th, Sunday August7th, Sunday August 21st, Sunday September 4th, and Sunday September 11th for Rise Church's Sunday Summer Services. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #22-157** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the Administration and authorize Roberto Scappaticci, DPW Director, to be the City of Romulus Grant Designee and Signatory of the rant agreement from EGLE for a Lead Service line Investigation. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #22-158** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the change order #1 to ITB 21/22-15 for all work outlined in Change Order #1 for an additional water service replacement, sanitary sewer lateral investigation, and steel plate for the protection of the private culvert over the Black Creek at a costs of $23,030.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - E. Change in Water & Sewer Rates & Fees: No action was taken by the City Council
   - F. **Res. #22-159** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the four-year professional services agreement with Plante and Moran for auditing and consulting services through completion of the 2025 FYE audit. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - G. **Res. #22-160** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and adopt the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release between the City of Romulus and A123 Systems, LLC. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
8. **Public Comment** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #22-161** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 22-11 for checks presented in the amount of $1,258,277.59. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
12. **Communication** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Sumpter

Trustee's allegations of racism are denied by officials

Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman addressed his outrage at allegations of racism and misconduct leveled at him by a trustee following a meeting June 23.

At the June 28 meeting, Bowman stated that he felt he was verbally attacked by Trustee Peggy Morgan immediately after a meeting the previous week. He said she shouted and was "yelling at the top of her voice" at him following that earlier meeting and had, in fact, accused him of racist conduct.

According to several witness accounts, the confrontation took place immediately following the special meeting June 23 when Morgan accused Bowman, Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush and township attorney Rob Young of actions unfair to Nelson Po, one of her campaign and political supporters. Her comments were apparently prompted by discussion during the meeting of an effort by a developer to circumvent full-board consideration of a proposed industrial complex on property owned by Po.

The attempt by the developer to offer blandishments for support of the project was disclosed by Trustee Matt Oddy during the special meeting June 23.

Immediately following adjournment of that meeting, witnesses said Morgan angrily confronted her fellow board members and the township attorney claiming they were critical of the development because the owner of the land on which the project is proposed is Po who grew up in the Philippines. She accused the officials of bias due to Po's Filipino history and said criticism of the developers during the meeting was racially motivated. She was reportedly under the erroneous impression that Po was present at the meeting with the developers.

At the June 28 meeting, Bowman demanded that Morgan explain just what she was accusing him of doing. "Is this a payback to Mr. Po, is that what this is all about?" He said he was "very disappointed" in Morgan's comments and false claims of racism. He said her allegations were "insulting" and completely misplaced.

"That (Morgan's claim) is not true. It is just a crazy allegation," he said in a later interview. "My son-in-law is Filipino, my granddaughter is half Filipino." Bowman said a criticism of him based on racism could not be farther from accurate in light of his deep regard for his family. "I am not a racist and there is no basis whatsoever for her claims," he said.

Rush, too, denied any claim of racism and was critical of the developer's attempt to circumvent correct procedure in presenting the project to the entire board.

"We cut it (the meeting) off and told them to appear before the whole board at the meeting of the 28th," Rush said, "and they did not take advantage of that opportunity. I believe they were trying to hoodwink us and they were actually lying to us. But that they didn't take the opportunity on the 28th, well no more needs to be said."

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Oddy explained that he was attempting to ensure that the entire board and the public were aware of the meeting with the developers and curtail any false information regarding the situation. Oddy asked to speak during the public comment section of the agenda during the June 23 meeting. He also asked that the 3-minute rule be suspended so that he might fully explain his concerns with the recent meeting with the unnamed developer.

He explained to the board members that he had been asked to attend a meeting at township hall with a developer planning a large industrial complex. Oddy said he recognized the project and knew from past discussions that the plan was not financially viable without the inclusion of a retail marijuana dispensary. He said he sent an email to the individuals proposing the meeting explaining that if the plans to be discussed included the marijuana facility, it was "a waste of time."

Assurances led him, Young and Rush to attend the meeting at Sumpter Township Hall wherein it became very clear immediately, Oddy said, that the project was still financially contingent on the marijuana facility. He said he repeatedly told the developers that the township board had not opted into the Michigan Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA). Without the approval and application from the local governing unit, licenses to distribute marijuana from a dispensary or facility are denied by the state.

Oddy said the developers told him they were looking for support for the project and brought their attorney, a contractor, and a professional ordinance writer with them in attempts to secure favor for the project. The developers also indicated the township could receive $250,000 in tax revenue should the project be approved but admitted that it "does not work without the marijuana," Oddy said.

Oddy, Rush and Young said the meeting was immediately ended and the developers informed that this was a decision of the full board. Oddy and Rush reiterated that they invited the developers to appear at the June 28 meeting to present the project plans.

Morgan, however, defended the developers and suggested that the board "reach out to them" in an effort to have the project presented to the board. She also suggested the board members reconsider their refusal to opt into the MMFLA and claimed that people in the township wanted local marijuana facilities and that development would go to nearby communities who allow the substance. She suggested the township fund a survey of residents on the question of marijuana sales and distribution in the township. She demanded the phone number of the developers saying she would make an effort to reach them.

"You believe we should opt in (to MMFLA) and the only way that happens if it's brought before the entire board and the entire board gets to hear the presentation," Young told Morgan. "There is a right way to do this but what isn't the right way is to try to schedule a meeting with a few board members and try to present other carrots or inducements as to what would be good for the township," Young said.

While the board members took no action on the information presented during the June 23 meeting, the issue was again the topic of contentious discussion at the June 28 meeting when Morgan insisted the board was acting with prejudice against Po, repeatedly claiming board members were only "doing it" because Po was involved. (See related story, page 1.)

Oddy said in a later interview, "Mr. Po was not at the meeting. We have been told numerous times by this developer that they are buying the property from him but that he is not involved in the development."

Board

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any wrongdoing.

"I want the phone number, I don't care who it is. I want the phone number so I can straighten this out," Morgan retorted, as she repeatedly interrupted other board members attempting to speak.

The continued contentious exchange prompted Young to attempt to again explain the situation to Morgan, reiterating that the proposed development is financially contingent on the township opting into the Michigan Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA). Morgan has been a vocal supporter of bringing marijuana facilities into the township.

"The truth is something you don't want to hear," Young said. "We're not going to support any development that includes marijuana that has not been before the entire board. Would you rather have us have meetings in the dark which you seem to accuse us of doing all the time or would you rather we have meetings and come here and report what has been said in the meeting," Young asked over Morgan's continued interruptions and remarks.

"You can smirk, wrinkle your face and nod your head yes and no, as you are so good at, but he (Oddy) explained what went on and invited them (the developers) to come on the 28th to explain to the entire board," Young said. He added that the developers were adamant that Po was not involved in the project other than as the property seller. He said when it became apparent there were red flags at the meeting, it was halted, and the developer advised to appear before the entire board.

"If there is something wrong with that I'd like to understand it. Since you went off on everybody the other night, I don't understand at all."

Young said not naming the developers was a level of caution exercised in response to the sensitive nature of the issue with accusations of misrepresentation, slander, defamations of character and libel having been leveled in the past.

Oddy again demanded Morgan define what she was accusing the board members of. "Is it revenge, what is it? You accused three people, what is it you're accusing us of? If you accuse a board member of anything, bring it to the board table where they have a chance to defend themselves," Oddy said. "So, what is it?"

"I'm not saying nothing," Morgan angrily retorted. "In my opinion, I'm not saying nothing."

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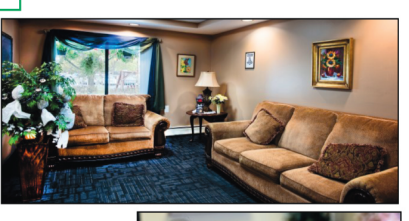

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Missing
Reward offered for puppy stolen at gunpoint

A Romulus couple robbed at gunpoint last Wednesday are pleading with the perpetrators to return an 12-week-old puppy taken during the crime.

Romulus police responded to a call for help on Mesa Way Street at about 8:37 p.m. June 29 where officers encountered the couple who said they had been robbed by three unknown Black men. The victims had responded to a call for a locksmith at the address from a man claiming to be locked out of his car near the Gateway Townhouses. The man said he needed another key made for his vehicle. The husband, a professional locksmith in a tool-equipped van, explained that he would need to see a driver's license and a vehicle registration proving ownership of the car before he could proceed with making a key.

His wife, who told officers she had just returned home from her job, had accompanied him on the call for service. She brought along Rocky, the couple's recently adopted 12-week-old French bulldog/Boston terrier puppy.

When they arrived at the address, the couple told police they encountered two men dressed in black and wearing masks. The men brandished black handguns at the couple and one of them stuck a gun in the locksmith's back, as he opened the rear of the mobile workstation. The second suspect was pointing a gun at the woman and demanded money from the couple along with the key-making equipment and tools from the truck. When the female victim said she didn't have any cash with her, one of the men snatched the puppy from the vehicle, victims told police.

The two suspects were then joined by a third man driving a silver-colored Ford Fusion. The two men got into the vehicle which left the scene, according to police reports. No shots were fired or injuries were reported, police said.

The couple has made a public appeal for the safe return of their dog and have expressed deep concern for the safety of the puppy. They have reportedly offered a reward for the return of the pet.

Anyone with information regarding the theft or the whereabouts of the puppy is asked to contact the Romulus Police Department at (734) 941-8400.

Rocky, a 12-week-old puppy, was taken during an armed robbery in Romulus last week.

Roaring Thunder will roll into Romulus on Saturday

The annual Roaring Thunder for Vets, a Wounded America charity motorcycle ride, will roll through Romulus this Saturday, July 9, in an effort to raise $30,000 for local veterans.

The city is hosting food and games from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Romulus Historical Park, which will provide a view of the Roaring Thunder motorcycle riders as they pass through. A motorcycle rider with a passion for supporting veterans in the community, Mayor Robert A. McCraight, will be among those participating in the escorted ride.

"Romulus has a rich military heritage, and our community is full of brave individuals who put the freedom of others and their country above everything else," said McCraight. "I'm proud to have played a role in bringing this fundraiser to our community, and I hope others will join me in supporting our veterans."

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Starting at promptly 10:30 a.m., the Roaring Thunder for Vets motorcycle ride will depart from and conclude at the Motown Harley-Davidson dealership in Taylor,14100 Telegraph Road. The entry fee to participate is $25 per ride and $10 per passenger. Veterans ride for free. Local businesses can sponsor a motorcycle for $250.

The charity motorcycle ride is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Romulus, Dearborn Heights, Grosse Ile, Southgate, Taylor and Trenton. Funds will go toward veterans who are being helped by non-profits Downriver for Veterans and Foundation 14.

For more information about the Charity Motorcycle Ride, visit www.taylorrotary.org.

Safety first

Romulus firefighters recently teamed up to install more than 30 smoke alarms in Metro Commons in the city. The safety of the community is a top priority for the first responders in the City of Romulus, fire officials said. "It's important we work together to be vigilant and proactive against potential dangers like home fires and carbon monoxide," they added.

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The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is available for inspection at the Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5225, during regular business hours. Comments on the **2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN** will be accepted for 30 days, beginning July 7, 2022. Comments received during the public comment period will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the reports.

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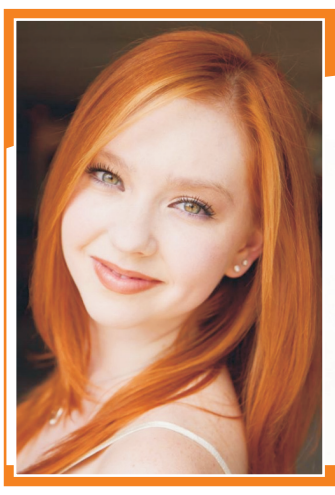

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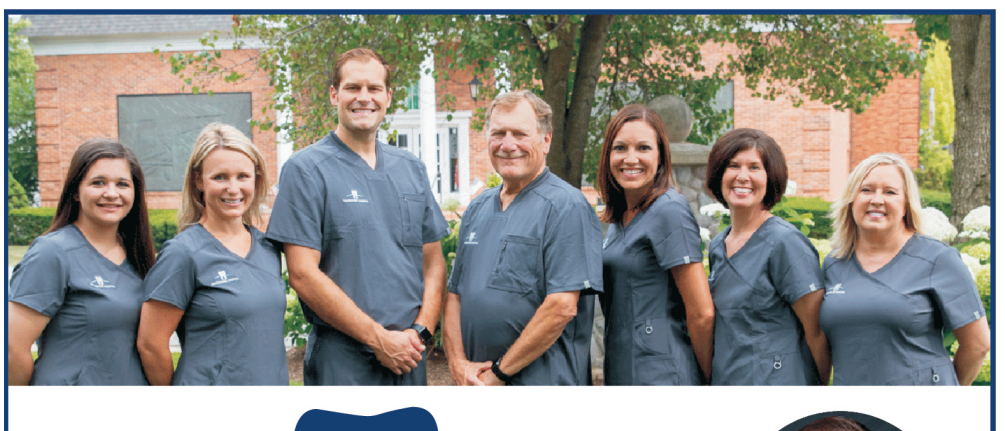

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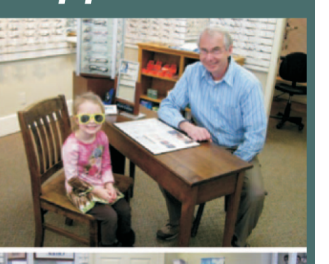

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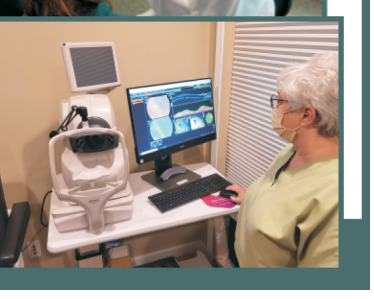

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Bus tour

School district offers books, games, and materials for summer learning

School may be on hiatus for the summer, but books, school supplies and learning materials are available at local elementary schools in the Wayne Westland Community School District.

BUSting with Learning will continue throughout the district through Aug. 17 and staff member have loaded up the buses to bring free literacy resources to kindergarden through third-grade students in the community.

Each year hundreds of young children disconnect in the summer, making it much harder in the fall to succeed academically, school officials said, prompting educators to start the BUSting program.

"Literacy is the catalyst for all learning. This important initiative helps reinforce literacy in the next generation and bridge early literacy gaps," said Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent John Dignan.

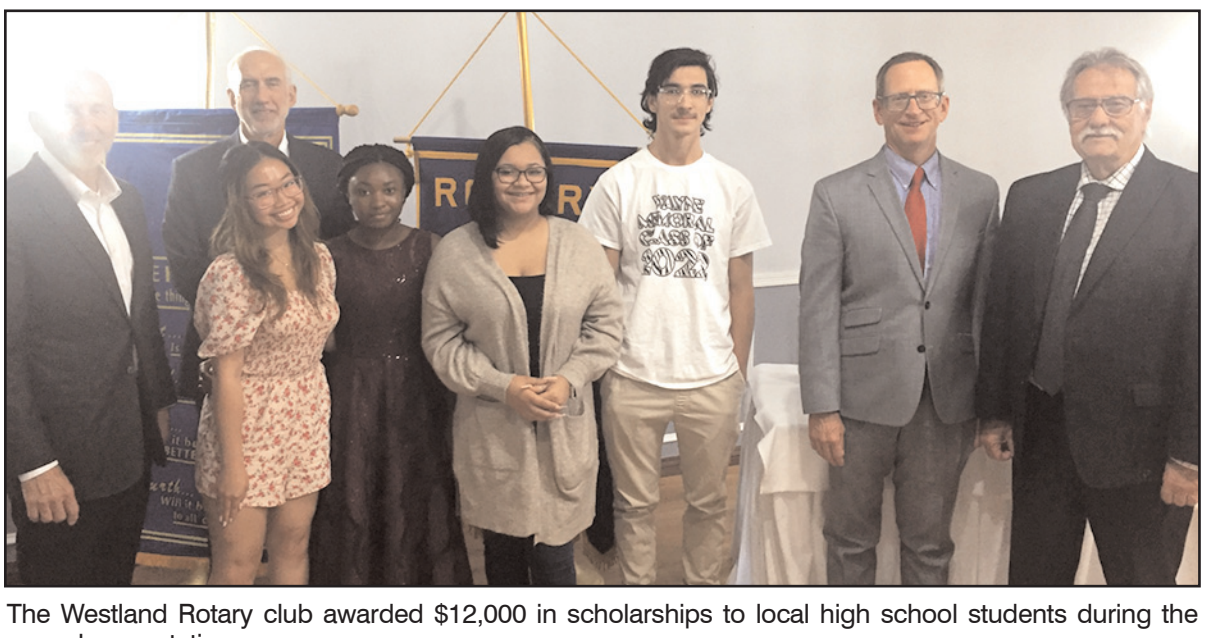
Throughout the summer, buses will visit elementary schools in the district. Students and families can pick up books, school supplies and materials and enjoy games and activities provided by the bus staff.

Buses will also be cruising through the community, distributing books to children in area neighborhoods. To learn where BUSting with Learning is stopping next, visit https://bit.ly/39r2KV2.

Westland Rotary Club awards $12,000 to local students

Members of the Westland Rotary Club in conjunction with the James North Charitable Foundation awarded $12,000 in scholarships to six high school students during the annual club ceremony.

This year, $2,000 scholarships were awarded to John Glenn High School students Tina Vu and Ida-alot Wiafee, William D. Ford Career-Technical Center students Ayanna Harris and Justin Taylor and Wayne Memorial High School students A'miya DUralic and Venessa Prush.



The Westland Rotary club awarded $12,000 in scholarships to local high school students during the annual presentation ceremony.

The Westland Rotary is an international service organization that has been meeting weekly for more than 50 years in and around the city at lunchtime. The primary purpose of the club is to come together as business owners and try to improve our city.

Annual Rotary Club service projects include bell ringing at Westland Mall for the Salvation Army, partnering with the chamber of commerce for the annual taste fest event, sponsorship of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army children's summer camp, sponsorship of the Westland Jamboree at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, major sponsor of the Wayne Ford Civic League Thanksgiving dinner for veterans and many other civic events.

Major donations in 2021/2022 included $10,000 for the victims of the Westwood apartment fire, $5,000 to the VFW Bova Hall for development of a children's area, and $5,000 to the veterans for the Thanksgiving dinner.

The club always welcomes new members. For information on joining visit the club Facebook page or visit www.westlandrotary.com/index.php #CompassionateCity North Brothers Ford Westland Chamber of Commerce The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

Resident sentenced in veterans fraud case

The Westland woman accused of defrauding the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Michigan Department of Treasury of hundreds of thousands of dollars has been sentenced to spend up to 15 years in prison.

Prosecutors alleged that Melissa Flores, 55, and co-defendant Steven Decker, 34, of Wyandotte, created aliases and obtained or created fraudulent documents to claim veterans' survivor benefits and property from the Michigan Department of Treasury. Prosecutors alleged in court that the scheme continued between 2013 and 2019 and that Flores and Decker received more than $40,000 of unclaimed property from the Michigan Department of Treasury and more than $430,000 from the Veteran's Administration.

Flores entered guilty pleas to multiple charges which originally included one count of conducting a criminal enterprise, a felony punishable by up to 20 years' imprisonment, $100,000 fine and forfeiture of proceeds and items used during the crime; two counts of false pretenses between $20,000 and $50,000, a felony punishable by 15 years imprisonment, $15,000 fine or three times the value of the money or property involved, whichever is greater; forgery of documents affecting real property, a 14-year felony; four counts of false pretenses between $1,000 and $20,000, a felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and a $10,000 fine or three times the value of the money or property involved, whichever is greater. She was sentenced to 2-15 years on two false pretenses counts and one count of forgery and 1-5 years on the four additional charges. Her sentences will run concurrently.

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